

Every ten years, local governments use new census data to redraw their district lines to reflect how local populations have changed. This process, called redistricting, is important in ensuring that each Council Member represents about the same number of constituents. Redistricting is done using U.S. Census data, which was released on September 27, 2021.

Your input is needed to redraw voting districts for the City Council, and one way you can participate is by assisting the County in developing a list of “communities of interest” (COI) that can be utilized in the process to redraw district lines.

What do the existing council districts look like?

You can find a map of the City’s current council districts here.

What is a Community of Interest (COI)?

A Community of Interest is a group of people that: share common social or economic interests, live in a geographically definable area, and should be included within a single district for purposes of effective and fair representation in future elections.

There are some communities of interest that are considered “protected classes” in that they have rights through state or federal civil rights or voting rights laws. Some examples of protected classes in districting would be ethnic and racial minorities such as a concentration of Latinx, Asian, or African American people.

There are other potential COI that can also be considered in redistricting, such as: senior citizens, college students, people who live in a particular neighborhood, or even people who share concerns such as parents with young children, bicycle enthusiasts, topic interest groups, etc.

COI does not include relationships with political parties, incumbents, or political candidates.

What You Can Do to Participate in the Process

1. Provide your comments on your community of interest by completing the online COI worksheet below.
2. Attend one of the County’s Public Hearings. Find the schedule here.

1. Name:

2. Email:

3. Are you a residents of the City of South Pasadena?

Yes

4. What is the nature of the common social or economic interest of your community? You can describe what the common interests of your community are and why or how they are important.

Home owners in Los Altos Viejos who deal with improperly maintained roads, improperly enforced parking regulations, inadequate due diligence practices associated with issuing parking permits and inadequate oversight on construction sites.

5. Where is your community located? You can define it by neighborhood, streets, address, proximity to a key landmark (such as a school or community center), or other boundaries.

Eastern boundary is the water tower on Alta vista southern boundary is Monterey northern boundary varies (older streets) western boundary is Peterson.

6. What are the geographic definers/boundaries of your neighborhood? Examples of definers/boundaries could be highways, roads, rivers, hills, or parks.

Older section homes in Monterey hills in S Pasadena

7. What is the rationale for your community of interest to be used in this districting? Please describe how the issues before the City Council have a unique impact on your group.

Concerns with in adequate parking / over use of permits (for houses who used garages for storage or improper housing), inadequate easement for fire equipment (due to amount of cars on street) and conditions of streets (never get re paved).

8. What do you like about the current district lines? What do you dislike about the current district lines?

Makes geographic sense, might have too much of an apartment vs homeowner slant to priorities.